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Lent.

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Dear Jesus! humbly at Thy feet,
O'erpressed with sin we bow,
In weakness lift our whispered prayer—
Oh! hear, and help us now!

The shadow of Thy cross lays dark,
As rolls the earth around—
While from the garden's sacred shade,
Thy words and sighs resound.

Oh! Jesus, God! in mercy lift
The veil from our blind eyes,
That seeing, we may love Thee more,
And loving, we may rise.

To holier living, day by day—
Lost to the world in Thee,
Our Marahs sweetened by Thy touch—
Thy grace, our panoply.

And as we tarry, Lord, awhile
To follow Thy dear feet,
All sorrowfully, o'er the ways,
Where love and justice meet.

O! help each heart to give to Thee,
In consecrated love,
Its all of service—whole of self—
Till called to serve above.

New Enterprise Items.

As the first of April draws near (the time when people move in this section of country) we are reminded of the fact that a number of our brethren and sisters will again leave us. This is one of the sad features of the church at this place. So many who connect themselves with the church go elsewhere to seek a livelihood and it seems there is no way to avoid this. Within the last year a number of our best workers have gone away. At this time brethren and sisters who connected themselves with the church at this place are living in the states of Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska, Michigan and at a number of places throughout this state, and if any of them read the EVANGELIST (and I hope they all do) and should see this article, we desire to say to such, brethren and sisters although you are absent from us we have not forgotten you. We often remember you in our prayers and ask that you do the same for us.

We are informed that brother Shaver of Virginia expects to be with us again in the near future for the purpose of holding a revival meeting. This is good news. We are sure no one will receive a more hearty welcome from the people of this community than Bro. S., especially is this true of those who confessed Christ under Bro. Shaver's preaching. Brother Shaver is an earnest worker for Christ and is sound in the Bible alone doctrine of the brethren, and preaches sound gospel sermons. Just where all he will hold meetings while in Pennsylvania we do not know, but think it is the intention that he will preach first in the church of Bro. Snyder's home.

We rejoice with our brethren at Johnstown, Pa., over the success of their recent meeting held by Bro. McFaden. Bro. McFaden holds a warm spot in the hearts of the brethren and sisters at this place and we are always glad to hear that success crowns his labors in his work for the Master.

We would say amen to the admonition of the editor in the EVANGELIST of Feb. 29th, cautioning the brethren to say as little as possible about the Conservatives. We cannot see where any great benefit can be derived to the church by writing about every little difficulty that occurs between the different branches of the church or between individuals in the different localities throughout the brotherhood. Much better to remember the injunction of our Savior. Love your enemies. Pray for them that despitefully use and persecute you.

We bid God speed to the S. S. C. E. As yet nothing has been done in this part of the brotherhood to aid this noble work, but we think it is only because the sisters here have not as yet received instructions how to proceed.

S. L. BUCK.

March 5, 1888.

Pasadena, Cal.

I see in the EVANGELIST of Feb. 15, that a good many would like to know what I am doing. By reference to a published statement in the EVANGELIST from me last fall they will learn that I came to the coast for a season of rest from the labors of the Christian ministry, that I came through the advice of my physician with a view to obtaining in this invigorating climate the degree of health and strength so much needed after several years of hard labor in the revival cause of the church. I have been here near five months and have been implicitly following the doctor's advice. Have only preached five sermons, three of which were for ministers who were ill themselves, or had illness in the family. One was a funeral, and one for the Y. M. C. A., of this city. I am slowly gaining in health, and at present feel almost as well as at any time during the last fifteen years. In a few months more I hope to be in the mental and physical condition that will give me the old time enthusiasm in my chosen field that left me through ill health. So you can say, if you wish, to the brethren that I am at Pasadena, California, doing nothing but growing in health and strength and getting ready for a long, strong pull in the direction of success in the work to which I am called. It is gratifying to know that at least some are sufficiently interested to inquire of my doings and it is equally as pleasant to be able to say that all is well. It is our purpose to visit San Joaquin Co., and see the brethren there and perhaps return East from that point through Oregon and over the North Pacific rail road.

The next few weeks will find me idle, and it may be fall before we will feel willing to break this delicious rest and pull into hard work again. But until we do the brethren and friends will please rest easy as no effort will be successful in drawing me into work until I feel that it can be performed with ease and comfort. I might have remained in the east and preached, but you know when a man goes out to preach he is expected to visit every family in the church, preach, pray, sing, and ride out all sorts of weather. If he plays as ill as he feels he is prescribed "half to death." If he does not go out much he has the "big head," is selfish, arrogant and a thousand other things. Of this I grow tired, and have concluded to neither write, visit, publish or preach until health will allow me to work with the energy and spirit that yield only to success.

I remain very truly yours in Christ.

S. H. BASHOR.

Feb. 29, 1888.

Ankenytown and North Liberty.

We have been in our field of work again. Our children's meeting at Ankenytown last Lord's day was of unusual interest. We have had these meetings once a month in the forenoon just before the regular services. We do not preach the children a dry sermon, but illustrate Bible truths by objects. The children enjoy the meetings and go away feeling they have been especially cared for.

By this simple way of preaching, we may lead the children to appreciate and even search for truth. Four weeks ago, we spoke of "faith" in our illustration, and then told the children to read Hebrews xi, when they went home, and see how faith was spoken of there.

At our last meeting we asked some of the boys if they had read the chapter. One little fellow looked up quickly and said, "I have found twenty-two faiths in the chapter." We said then to ourself, "that boy has been benefited, and we have been paid." Bro. minister do not neglect the children.

The prayer meeting at Liberty Monday evening, was good. We believe the Lord was pleased, and will richly bless this band of workers.

There has been quite a good deal of sickness this winter in and about North Liberty. Our old brother, David Leedy lost a son-in-law week before last. He (Mr. Philips) was quite a young man yet. Just ten months before his death to the very day, his wife died, and just five months after she died, their only child died. Thus the whole family changed worlds in ten months. How soon young, healthy people may be taken!

Our worthy sister, Mary Gilmore at Ankenytown, who has been confined to her bed since last August, on account of a sprain in the knee, is slowly improving. He who visits sister Gilmore, sees patience completely illustrated. We hope our sister may soon recover, as she is a great help in the church.

Our work at the above named places as a supply in Bro. Cober's place, will close in April, as that will be the expiration of the time for which he had engaged. After that we shall be free again from any engagement.

W. C. PERRY.

Gratis, Ohio.

March 4.—I often think when I pick the EVANGELIST up that Gratis seems to be almost forsaken, once in a great while we see an article, but not very often. I know it is just carelessness, for we have brothers and sisters in our church here at Gratis, that would help our paper along if they would just pen their thoughts, and have them printed.

Well our church now, will soon be completed, then all of us will feel more energetic, to go ahead. Then I hope we can have Sabbath school and gather the children into the fold. I know we have been a long, time building our church, but then we have been laboring under a great many disadvantages, but hope and pray the Lord will help us through.

We have some earnest workers, and a great many who have willing hearts, who would do a great deal more if they were so situated, but let our motto be, "do whatever we can, be it ever so little." Some little act of kindness, or a helping hand oftimes saves many a poor soul out of distress.

We all must remember, that love must reign supremely over our church, not listen to every little news afloat. How can we prosper that way? We must have more confidence in our church, and its members, and remember the Golden Rule. If we only could have it stamped on our memory, and never forget it. Christ loved every one, so must we, or we cannot be like him.

We practice singing every Wednesday evening, out of our Hymnody. I do hope every church will adopt the hymnody, for I think it is a grand book. Just purchase a few and examine them thoroughly. You cannot tell what any book is until you use it a while. We can have the Gospel Hymns also and use it occasionally.

Our mite society is getting along very nicely. We are helping to furnish the church, and think we can buy the carpet without asking our brothers to help us, and that will be quite a help.

Our College hopes are reviving. It is a grand institution. Will not all help us now? We have children to send, others have also and we want the College. I cannot bear to think of such a thing as losing it.

OMA E. STOVER.

Sweet Home, Ind.

Having a little time today and having just read the last number of the EVANGELIST over and over again, thoughts ran through my mind whether a little news from Northern Indiana would not be interesting. I would simply say this in regard to our home church, that we are in better shape now for successful church work than we have ever been before. Every one of us it seems has made a firm resolve to try to do better and more efficient work in the future than we have been doing in the past.

Bro. Isaac N. Miller, of Buchanan, Mich., preaches for us every two weeks and the other part of his time is devoted to his church at home, near Buchanan where you will remember Bro. Holsinger and Ditch organized a young plant last fall, which has grown from 20 members at the time of organization to a church of thirty-eight at present, with good prospects ahead. The South Bend church is moving gradually along in an even tenor adding occasional members to the fold. Bro. Holsinger, its pastor has gone into the job printing business in Chicago, Ill., and will probably not stay here to preach for them the year out. Bro. J. H. Worst is holding protracted meeting for them which will close next Sunday evening.

All churches are friendly to us here which is as it should be, and we do not recommend our members to be otherwise to them. The German Baptists are more friendly to us now than when we were all together, so maybe it is a good thing that we are divided, if we can have peace, it is surely a good thing. Let us be kindly and affectionate one toward the other, bear one another's little weaknesses and all will be right.

F. H. FRAME.

March 2nd, 1888.

Jones Mills, Pa.

On the 12th of January, I started for the Highland Church, Washington County, Pa. Arrived among the brethren on Friday evening the 13th. Commenced meeting on Saturday evening and continued until Tuesday evening the 24th. I had thirteen meetings in Washington County. On the 26th, I started for Aleppo, Green County, Pa. Arrived at Bro. Jacob Murray's same evening, and commenced meeting on Friday evening the 27th, and closed on the evening of February the 15th. Here we had a good meeting. Twelve united with the church at Aleppo. I started for home Thursday morning. Arrived safe on Friday evening, February the 17th, after being absent for five weeks and one day. I found our family well. Thanks brethren for kindness bestowed. I expect to go to Washington County again about the 22nd of March to remain over Sunday with the brethren of the Highland Church, after which I may have more to say. Jones Mills church is moving along slowly but surely. Two united with the church at this place a few Sundays ago, and I think others will soon come. Sunday, 18th of March will be my last appointment in this church for this year.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Pond Grove, Ind.

We closed a series of meetings at Pond Grove school house, by Bro. E. L. Hildebrand. We had a well filled house and a glorious meeting. Seven came out on the Lord's side for baptism. More promised to come in the near future. The brethren seemed to take hold in earnest. Pray for us brethren that we may go on to perfection.

D. P. CRIPE.